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SUBJECT: EUROPEAN COMMUNIST PARTY CONFERENCE: NOVOYE VREMYA

DENIES CPSU RETREAT

1. ARTICLE ENTITLED "FREEDOM FROM . . . REALITY" BY A.L. IN NO. 2

ISSUE OF NOVOYE VREMYA DATED JANUARY 9 REBUTS CLAIMS ALLEGEDLY

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APPEARING IN LEAD ARTICLE OF LE MONDE ON EVE OF NEW YEAR TO EFFECT

THAT USSR AND CPSU HAVE CHANGED COURSE IN EUROPEAN COMMUNIST PARTY CONFERENCE PREPARATIONS. AUTHOR FIXES ON TWO CHARGES: THAT CPSU WITHDREW "DEMANDS" ON OTHER PARTIES IN COURSE OF NOVEMBER EAST BERLIN WORKING GROUP SESSION, AND THAT CPSU HAS CHANGED POSITION WHEN NOVOYE VREMYA (NO. 50, 1975) WROTE THAT SOVIETS WANT CONFERENCE DOCUMENT TO SERVE AS PLATFORM FOR COOPERATION OF COMMUNISTS "WITH ALL LEFT, PEACELOVING FORCES". A.L. DENIES FIRST CHARGE WITH CLAIM THAT COMMUNIST PARTIES DO NOT WORK THAT WAY, AND SECOND WITH REFERENCE TO PONOMAREV'S PUBLISHED SPEECHES AT OCTOBER-NOVEMBER 1974 PREPARATORY MEETINGS IN WARSAW AND BUDAPEST, IN WHICH HE EXPRESSED CPSU OPINION THAT CONFERENCE DOCUMENT "SHOULD BE PLATFORM FOR BOTH COOPERATION BETWEEN COMMUNIST PARTIES THEMSELVES AND COOPERATION BETWEEN COMMUNISTS AND ALL LEFT, PEACELOVING FORCES AND THE CPSU NEVER CHANGED THIS POSITION."

2. COMMENT - ARTICLE IS AUTHORITATIVE, SHORT, SHARP AND ALSO SLIPPERY, SINCE IT CONFINES ITSELF TO TWO SPECIFIC CHARGES AND BASES DENIAL ON PURE SEMANTICS (WHETHER OR NOT COMMUNISTS LEVY DEMANDS ON EACH OTHER, AND MEANING OF "PLATFORM") IN BOTH CASES. MATLOCK

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